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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/054,156	KENNEDY ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Yixing Qin	2625	

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THE REPLY FILED 29 June 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because

(a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);

(b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);

(c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or

(d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: _____.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
Please see the attached office action.

12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.

13. Other: _____.


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 SUPERVISOR PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 6/29/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The main argument regarding claim 30 is that the Iwata reference does not disclose the application program launching the printing agent. In reading the applicant's specification and looking at the drawings, there were a couple of places which discusses the relationship of the application program with the printing agent. P[0040] of the applicant's specification states that "Next, in box 110 and identified in FIG. 2 as event C, the virtual driver 60 launches the printing agent 58. Therefore, the virtual driver 60 is used as a means to launch the printing agent 58. This arrangement is used to bypass algorithms contained in many operating systems 54 that may preclude the launching of the printing agent 58 directly from the application 56, especially after the print command is selected." Fig. 2, item C shows the virtual driver launching the print agent. Fig. 3, item 110 also shows the virtual driver launching the agent. Thus, the only reasonable interpretation that the Examiner can take is that the application launches the printing agent indirectly through the virtual print driver, which still indicates that the virtual print driver is the one launching the printing agent. If this interpretation is not regarded as reasonable, then the claim that the application program launches the printing agent would consist of new matter and would be subject to a 112 rejection.

In regards to the identification of the printing agent. The Examiner points to Fig. 35 as a printing agent, which the Examiner has pointed to in claims 2 and 31.

Regarding the 103 rejections, even if the network printers have been preconfigured in an application, they were queried at least once so that they could be configured.

Regarding the print menu launched from an application, Fig. 5 shows the sequence performed in windows explorer, which is still an application. Regardless, Fig. 13 shows that an application can launch a printing menu in which users can select various printers.

Regarding the selection of a single printer and downloading a file to facilitate the formatting of data to conform to that printer, the Iwata reference identifies a plurality of printers 60,70,80 to query prior to the downloading of the distributed printing utility 120. Among them, one is chosen. If the Iwata invention was only equipped with one printer, it would be similar to the Marbry setup. Thus, the combination of the reference is not improper as Iwata and Marbry simply teach differing setups.

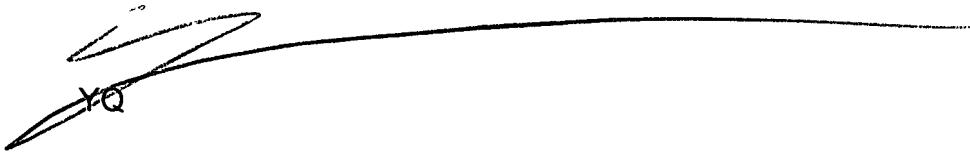
The rejection stands.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yixing Qin whose telephone number is (571)272-7381. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Lamb can be reached on (571)272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Twyler Lamb".

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